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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Last November the Microsoft Corporation reached a settlement with the Department of Justice, which brought an end to the three years of antitrust litigation between the two. I am writing to express my support for this settlement since it is in the best interests of the IT industry, and America.

There were concessions made in the settlement that went further than Microsoft would have liked, but the terms were agreed to because the ending the suit was the best thing to do. Microsoft will now work much closer and actually [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This will make competing software more compatible, and encourage Microsoft's competition to work harder than they ever have before. They will do that because Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against competitors. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

You cannot go wrong with this settlement. I fully support it, and hope it is approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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